

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1360
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cam Anderson of Maury County.

WHEREAS, this nation is fortunate to be the home of many brave men and women who, throughout the life of our republic and the State of Tennessee, have chosen to defend our liberties and our way of life as members of the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Cam Anderson of Columbia, Tennessee, was one such brave American and resident Tennessean; he was the son of the late Ross Anderson and Margaret McKay Anderson, and he attended Maury County schools; and

WHEREAS, one of Columbia's most prominent World War II heroes and known for paying tribute to fallen veterans, Cam Anderson was killed in an automobile accident on Veterans Day while on his way to fold yet another flag at a military funeral; for the past sixty years he had folded the American flag in tribute to deceased comrades-in-arms and was on his way to serve another family when the accident took place; and

WHEREAS, a past commander of American Legion Post 19, Cam Anderson had participated in Veterans Day ceremonies earlier; as chairman of the Honor Guard, he and another veteran were on their way to a flag-folding ceremony in Mt. Pleasant, and it is perhaps fitting that he left this world on Veteran's Day when he was serving others, as he loved to do; and

WHEREAS, Cam Anderson was an employee of Pigg and Parsons in Columbia prior to World War II, when, at age nineteen, he enlisted in the United States Army. A member of the 101st Airborne Division, he jumped into Normandy on D-Day, and after D-Day, he jumped with the 101st Airborne twice more in major engagements in the war; he was later recalled by the Army for two years of service at the time of the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Cam Anderson's airborne outfit was dropped behind enemy lines just before D-Day, and only ten men of his 137-member outfit survived; Mr. Anderson's work with American Legion Post 19 began in 1946, when, after the end of the war, and after Korea, he served as the flag detail chairman for the families of other soldiers who gave their lives for their country; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot and a fixture of West 7th Street in Columbia for fifty years, Cam Anderson was the contact for the funeral homes to call when they had a flag to fold, and he would go wherever he was needed, at any time, in any weather; he was a dedicated and one-of-a-kind advocate of caring for the veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Cam Anderson was a member of Herbert Griffin American Legion Post #19, where he served as Post Commander in 1950, a member of the Post Honor Guard, and in many other capacities over the years; in honor of his dedication and years of service, he was awarded a Life Membership in February of 1998, and he completed sixty years of continuous membership in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was also a charter member of Voiture Locale #1394 of La Societe des Quarante Hommes at Huit Chevaux, an independent fraternal organization of United States Veterans more commonly known as The Forty and Eight; he was active in and supportive of the work of the Boy Scouts of America, and his service was recognized with the Silver Beaver and Long Rifle awards; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout and active member of First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully in various capacities for many years; and

WHEREAS, Cam Anderson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; by his passing, he is reunited with his beloved wife, Mary; sister, Dabney Anderson; and brother, William Terrell Anderson; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Gary Hamburg; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Carol Anderson; sister, Lollie Anderson Osborne; and three grandchildren, Kenneth McKay Hamburg, Blair Hamburg, and Todd Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Cam Anderson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen

endeavors; he worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pause to specially recognize a brave American and Tennessean for his commitment to the defense of his country and its citizens throughout a distinguished military career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Cam Anderson of Columbia, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Cam Anderson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.